

## **Tribute Awards      2011**

### **CIVIC DEVELOPMENT   Claudette Blozy   West Hartford Garden Club**

**Claudie Blozy, contributes her considerable skills as a hands-on advanced master gardener to all aspects of the West Hartford Club's community projects. From design to plant selection to implementation, she is the club's go to gal and leads an award-winning civic development team.**

### **CONSERVATION      Marney Smith      Rowayton Gardeners**

**Marney Smith has been a long-time advocate of native plants and preserving open space. She spearheaded the original planting of a Native Garden at the Rowayton Elementary School, oversaw major acquisitions as president of the Norwalk Land Trust and has developed numerous environmental education programs for children.**

### **FLORAL DESIGN   Trish Manfredi   Country Gardeners of Glastonbury**

**Design enthusiasts throughout the state are indebted to Trish Manfredi. She has been invaluable to her club, the CT Judges Council and the State Flower show, always helping designers in every way possible. Trish demonstrated floral design on morning TV to publicize the state show.**

### **GARDEN THERAPY   Marge Ottenbreit   Morris Cove Garden Club**

**Marge Ottenbreit is honored for her work bringing the beauty of gardening to her community. She plants flowers at Fort Nathan Hale, designed and organized the planting of a city garden at a busy traffic intersection, and using flowers from her own garden has presented numerous pressed flower workshops at senior centers in New Haven.**

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**HORTICULTURE     Jane Ketterer     Garden Club of Madison**

**The Madison club members' knowledge of horticulture has been greatly enriched by Jane Ketterer. For years, at monthly meetings, she has introduced new plants and gardening techniques and the latest information on such diverse topics as invasives, tick control, and organic fertilizers.**

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN Amber Bierkan Arbor GC of Clinton**

**Amber Bierkan has been instrumental in helping the Arbor Garden Club of Clinton with its town beautification projects. From town plantings to the Clinton Landing Project to Clinton's "Pretty Committee" she has been involved with design, fund-raising, implementation.**

**YOUTH     Carol Giunta     Rowayton Gardeners**

**As Junior Activities chair Carol Giunta has spearheaded a number of club projects. For years she has held fall planting events for members, children and parents at the local elementary school. Last year she applied for and received a city grant and corporate monies to install raised beds for a hands -on "Garden of Life" edible gardening project teaching children about growing food and nutrition, fostering a love and respect for nature.**

**ALL AROUND EXCELLENCE     Cathy Ritch     Long Hill Garden Club**

**Cathy Ritch epitomizes all around excellence in the extraordinary contributions she makes to her club and her community. She has held many club positions including President for 3 years and Environmental/Conservation Committee Chair. She is involved in civic projects, conservation and environmental programs and eagerly shares her love and knowledge of floral design.**